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Action Summary

08/24/2012

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On August 15, 2012, EPA Region 5, Air and Radiation Division staff conducted a site visit to Forest County Potawatomi Community to discuss their air grant work plan progress, upcoming funding issues and opportunities, and ongoing and future projects. A trip to the air monitoring site took place as well as a productive dialogue, which established Tribe's continued commitment to environmental progress. The EPA looks forward to working with Forest County Potawatomi Community on future air projects.

On August 14, 2012 EPA, Region 5, Air and Radiation Division staff conducted a site visit to the Intertribal Council of Michigan (ITCM) to discuss their air grant work plan progress, funding issues and future opportunities. A trip to the air monitoring site took place as well as a productive dialogue. The focus of discussion was ITCM's goal of educating and assisting interested member Tribes in the TAR application process. EPA looks forward to continue working with ITCM on current and future air projects.

On August 15, 2012, EPA Region 5, Air and Radiation Division staff conducted a site visit to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community to discuss their air grant work plan progress, upcoming funding issues and opportunities, and ongoing and future projects. The community's recently hired Air Quality specialist was present during this visit. The air specialist plans to work closely with other tribes involved in similar work and to develop a network to share ideas and provide support. EPA looks forward to working with the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community on future air projects.

On August 13, 2012, EPA Region 5, Air and Radiation Division staff conducted a site visit to the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians to discuss their air grant workplan progress, upcoming funding issues and opportunities, and ongoing and future projects. A trip to the air monitoring site took place as well as a productive dialogue. The tribe mentioned a long term goal of moving from a Section 103 CAA grant to a Section 105 CAA grant and submitting an application for Treatment as a State. EPA looks forward to working with the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians on future air projects.

On August 14, 2012, EPA Region 5, Air and Radiation Division staff conducted a site visit to the Little Traverse Band of Odawa Indians to discuss their air grant work plan progress, upcoming funding issues and opportunities, and ongoing and future projects. The tribe plans to develop an emission inventory to identify sources of air pollution in their area and determine a baseline level of ambient air pollution. The EPA looks forward to working with the Little Traverse Band of Odawa Indians on future air projects.

On August 24, 2012, EPA issued a Finding of Violation to Veolia Environmental Services in Sauget, Illinois for violations of the Hazardous Waste Combustor MACT. Specifically, Veolia failed to meet the appropriate mercury operating parameter limits (OPLs) from October 2008 to May 2009 on Incinerators 2, 3, and 4. Veolia failed to analyze their wastes for metals to ensure compliance with the low volatile and semi volatile metals and mercury OPLs. Also, Veolia has failed to respond to the March 10, 2010 Section 114 Information Request.

On August 21-22, a group of federal, state, academic, non-governmental organizations and tribal representatives met to begin to share information, coordinate priorities, and explain capacities and expertise regarding climate change impacts and adaptation in the Midwest. The meeting was arranged by NOAA to help foster a collaborative network of agencies and organizations which provide climate information (future temperature ranges, precipitation amounts and frequency, etc.) and services in the Midwest. There are different sectors that are starting to actively prepare for climate change impacts, but are not sure where to turn for climate change impact information or advice on how to prepare. Such sectors include local and State governments, infrastructure-focused engineering firms and related agencies, natural resource managers, water and electric utilities, etc. A mission statement and some potential initial deliverables are planned for the network. ARD staff actively participated and contributed to the discussion.